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How nearly has the church been steered in these channels? Has there been gained what its organizers and promoters anticipated? If not, why not? Were the expectations unreasonable and unwise, or has the church dallied with sin and thus hindered her progress? Have those who entered this compact been as true to each other and co-operated with each other as heartily as they intended when they entered it? Has brotherly love and zeal continued as it was then intended it should? Where are the generals who were conspicuous in the warfare five years and more ago? Are they dead? Is the work to be carried on now entirely by new hands? What has become of their most sacred promises to continue the fight until they could say with Paul, "I am now ready to be offered up. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course?"

As we enter the new year can we not cast into the sea of Forgetfulness all of the hatred, envy or jealousy that has been worm-eating and cankering our souls, and fill our hearts with the love of brother and the power of the Holy Ghost? Let us take a view of our guiding posts in the "bond of union," take courage, thank God and "press with vigor on."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

As we enter upon the new year let us ask God to help us to see our own sins and to have charity for our brother who errs.

The *Advocate*, of Buena Vista, Va., edited by B. C. Moomaw, a \$1.50 paper is offered to all who subscribe before Jan. 15th for one dollar.

Through the kindness of Sister Brubaker the EVANGELIST family ate their Christmas turkey on the Friday previous to Christmas day.

Bro. J. M. Little, of Ind., writes: "Do not stop the EVANGELIST. I have only one objection to it. I thought to be a daily instead of a weekly."

The January number of *King's Children* was mailed to all subscribers 28th ult. We run a few extra copies so that all who desire to get the complete volume for the first year can do so by subscribing at once. Price 20 cts. to single subscribers. With BRETHREN EVANGELIST, \$1.65.

Two things we would like to see the Brethren church accomplish by the first issue of the EVANGELIST 1894: one is to pay off the debt of the Publishing House, and the other is to have Ashland college open with a Theological department sustained by the Sister's Societies of the Brotherhood.

Brother Noah Flora of Dallas Center, Iowa, writes: "Just closed a two weeks meeting at Richard's school house. Good meeting, good interest, five conversions. One conversion at Brooklyn at Mrs Flora's last regular appointment."

The KING'S CHILDREN for January was mailed Dec. 28th. The typographical errors so numerous and exasperating in the December number we think will be gladly missed in this. Single subscription, 20 cts; with the EVANGELIST, \$1.65.

Nannie Barnes, Glenford, Ohio, says, "Continue EVANGELIST to my address. I can do without a great many things but I cannot do without the EVANGELIST." Thank you, sister. Everything we get is not so pleasant to take as this. These good words will help to keep us out of the slough of Despondency.

The Brethren's Publishing Co. of Mt. Morris are now bringing out a commentary on the New Testament. The comments have been made by Lewis W. Teeter. He was appointed by the Annual Meeting to do the work. We hope it may be a credit alike to author, publisher, and church.

The blue mark on page one of last number undoubtedly appeared on some papers that it should not. But this will give us a chance to correct any errors that may exist in our books. Again, a much larger number have no doubt given their names to the local agent who is still holding them to complete his list. While we appreciate the motive of the agent it would greatly aid the office if renewals were sent in more promptly.

C. Rowland of Lanark, Ill., writes, "How much for 10 copies of EVANGELIST for one year to one address? We suppose he is thinking of following Bro. Dr. Beachly's example. We hope that not only he but all others who see this item and can, will take this means to help sustain both the church and Publishing House. Remember that this is a year of "hard times" and unless some increase their support, the aggregate will fall far short of last year. The price of ten copies of EVANGELIST to one address is \$10.

Sister H. R. Holsinger recently had the misfortune to fall down the cellar steps in their house resulting in crippling her back and possibly internal injuries not sufficiently developed to diagnose. Bro. H. writes us that he feels so "broken up" over disappointments in various ways as to be on the "ragged edge of despair." These are years in which he must say, "I have no pleasure in them." We extend our sympathy, and hope the clouds may soon break and disperse and leave in the sunshine of prosperity and fulfilled promises.

Bro. J. G. Winey, of Mich., writes: "I am making a special effort to obtain subscribers for the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and from present indications there will be quite an increase in the list. I was out about two days with horse and cutter working for subscribers. Times are very dull here and money scarce." Bro. Winey's work shows that in spite of hard times our list can not only be sustained but increased if strong enough effort be made to have it so. If you have done nothing yet toward getting the Publishing House on the sunny side of prosperity in the year 1894 do you think you have done your full duty to the church?

Here is an item that may hit you. Are you doing your duty as a Christian? "No," you say, "the church has not used me right, and I confess I have very little interest in religious matters, not enough even to attend preaching or take our church paper." And this you say is all because the church has not used you right. Then you must have become a member of the church in order to get honor and reward from it. That is where you made a mistake. You should have entered the church to co-operate with others in proclaiming the Gospel, looking beyond this world for "glory, honor and immortality."

We have several times sought contributions from Bro. Christner for the EVANGELIST, but on account of sickness he has never been able to comply with our request. His wife however has been thoughtful, and has taken an interest in her husband's work, and has in safe keeping outlines of many sermons delivered long ago. Although written only for personal and transient use, and that amidst interruptions of a large city pastorate, they are all the more meritorious, being spirited, true to life with a deep philosophical flavor. Sister C. has our thanks for "loaning" us these treasures to her and now to us.

Do not forget your Sunday school literature during the cold and freezing months. It costs just as much to get the matter ready for one number as for hundreds of thousands. Even if you do not meet in a Sunday school capacity you ought not therefore drop the series of lessons. Let each week find you richer in grace and knowledge. Form the habit of persistent effort. By so doing you will not only become better yourself, but you will help the Book and Tract Committee to put our church on an equality in this respect with other denominations much older than ourselves. Remember that the Book and Tract Committee so far have donated the vast amount of labor required of them to bring out the Quarterlies so far published. You can afford to make some sacrifice in return.